IN THE HIGH COURT OF KERALA AT ERNAKULAM

PRESENT :

THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE V.GIRI

THURSDAY, THE 6TH DECEMBER 2007 / 15TH AGRAHAYANA 1929

WP(C).No. 36118 of 2007(Y)

PETITIONER:

SHEEJA S.SUKUMARAN, D/O. SUKUMARAN,
EZHAKULATH HOUSE, ALUMMOODU, NEYYATTINKARA,
TRIVANDRUM-690 471.

BY ADV. SMT.P.K.NANDINI

RESPONDENTS:

1. CHAIRMAN & MANAGING DIRECTOR,
   BHARAT SANCHAR NIGAM LIMITED (BSNL), JANPATH,
   NEW DELHI-110 001.

2. PRINCIPAL GENERAL MANAGER,
   TELECOM, BSNL, STATUE, TRIVANDRUM.

3. ASSISTANT GENERAL MANAGER (ADMN.),
   O/O. PGMTD, BSNL, TRIVANDRUM-3.

4. DIRECTOR OF TECHNICAL EDUCATION,
   GOVERNMENT OF KERALA, TRIVANDRUM.

BY ADV. SRI.MATHEWS K.PHILIP,SC, BSNL

THIS WRIT PETITION (CIVIL) HAVING COME UP FOR ADMISSION ON 06/12/2007, THE COURT ON THE SAME DAY DELIVERED THE FOLLOWING:

V.GIRI, J.

W.P.(C).No.36118 of 2007

Dated this the 6th day of December, 2007.

JUDGMENT

The petitioner is a holder of Diploma in Electronics and Avionics, as evidenced from Ext.P1 issued by the State Board of Technical Education, Government of Kerala. She applied for the post of Telecom Technical Assistant as notified by the respondent BSNL. The prescribed qualification reads as follows:

> **"Educational Qualifications: 3 years Engg.Diploma in Telecom Engg./Electronics Engg/Electrical Engg./Radio Engg./Computer Engg./Instrument Technology/MSc (Electronics) from a recognized institutions/University."**

2. A perusal of Exts.P1 and P1(a) would show that the petitioner does not possess any of the prescribed qualifications. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner holds a Diploma in Electronics and Avionics and therefore, it must be treated as adequate qualification. But it may be noted that insofar Electronics is concerned, the prescribed qualification, which includes, several alternatives, is "three years Engineering

Diploma/Electronics Engineering". This is obviously different from a 'Diploma in Electronics and Avionics'. It can also be noted that one of the alternate qualification was M.Sc. (Electronics). Obviously, a Diploma in Electronics cannot be equated with M.Sc. Electronics.

3. For all these reasons, I am of the view that the petitioner cannot claim that she is adequately qualified in terms of the notification issued by the respondents.

Writ petition is bereft of any merits and therefore, the same is dismissed.

Sd/-
(V.GIRI)
JUDGE

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P.S. To Judge